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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Upon entry of this amendment, the following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the pending application.

- 1. (Currently Amended) A behind the ear hearing aid, comprising a housing having a housing shell configured in a contoured shape, an electronic circuit, a power storage unit, and a multi-function plate designed as a front plate and adapted to couple to the housing shell by being shaped to match the contoured shape, wherein the multifunction plate includes an access opening for one of the power storage unit and the electronic circuit.
- 2. (Currently Amended) The hearing aid according to claim 1, wherein the multifunction plate is adapted for use in an in-ear hearing aid-and is constructed to match a contour of the housing shell.
- 3. (Previously Presented) The hearing aid according to claim 1, wherein the front plate is matched to the contour of the housing shell in standard production.
- 4. (Previously Presented) The hearing aid according to claim 1, wherein the housing shell and the front plate are joined in a detachable manner.
- 5. (Currently Amended) A front plate intended for use in an in-ear hearing aid in-coupled with a behind-the-ear hearing aid, the front plate being modified such that said front plate matches a contour of a housing of the behind-the-ear hearing aid.